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In the January edition of Mintz Levin's *Energy and Clean Tech Connections*, we've gathered recent information from a wide variety of sources in an effort to keep you abreast of what's new in the world of clean tech. We draw your attention to the latest industry developments, news from Capitol Hill, grant opportunities and upcoming events. In addition, since the Massachusetts Senate unanimously approved legislation on January 9th that began last year with Senator Salvatore DiMasi's proposals to the House of Representatives, the Energy and Clean Tech Practice Group would like to acknowledge the state's efforts to promote renewable energy, conservation and efficiency. We will keep you posted on this legislation as it is refined in conference committee and continues to make its way to the Governor's desk. Please click on the following links to access text of the bill and its amendments.

- [An Act to Generate Renewable Energy and Efficiency Now \(Senate Version\)](#)
- [Amendments to the Bill](#)

Additionally, see the [Events](#) section of this newsletter to learn about an exciting mentoring opportunity with the Ignite Clean Energy business presentation competition beginning this March. We hope you enjoy this month's installment of the newsletter, and would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year!

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First Deals of the New Year

Greentech Media - January 7, 2008

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GE Unit Partners with SunPower for Five Solar Projects

Greentech Media - January 7, 2008

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A Promising Oil Alternative: Algae Energy

The Washington Post - January 6, 2008

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Green Companies Grow into Hot Investments

The Chicago Tribune - January 6, 2008

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Imperium IPO Delay Could Hinder Biodiesel Plant

Greentech Media - January 4, 2008

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BP Announces Full Operation of Wind Farm

Renewable Energy Access - January 4, 2008

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Clean-Energy Fundings Reach \$117.3B in 2007

Greentech Media - January 3, 2008

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Funding Roundup

Last-Minute Deals for 2007

Greentech Media - December 31, 2007

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Pyron Solar Closes Series A Financing

Renewable Energy Access - December 28, 2007

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Project Better Place Tops Off

Greentech Media - December 27, 2007

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Outland Signs 200 MW Agreement with Siemens

Renewable Energy Access - December 27, 2007

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Vulcan and Propel Biofuels to Open Biodiesel Station

Renewable Energy Access - December 24, 2007

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PG&E to Get Watts from Waves

The Los Angeles Times - December 19, 2007

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Federal and State Happenings

State Revenue Commissioner Quits to Join Energy Venture

The Boston Globe - January 5, 2008

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FERC Issues License for Hydrokinetic Project

Renewable Energy Access - January 3, 2008

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Policy Grows Greener

Greentech Media - December 31, 2007

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New England Can Lead the New Energy Boom

The Boston Globe - December 31, 2007

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DOE Pulls Back on FutureGen's Reins

Greentech Media - December 26, 2007

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Department of Energy Finalizes Regulations to Increase Energy Efficiency in New Federal Buildings by 30%

Press Release, *U.S. Department of Energy* - December 21, 2007

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EPA Chief Denies Calif. Limit on Auto Emissions

The Washington Post - December 20, 2007

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Energy Department Awards \$66.7 Million for Large-Scale Carbon Sequestration Project

Press Release, *U.S. Department of Energy* - December 18, 2007

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Spotlight on Evan Bienstock

Evan is an associate in the firm's Corporate Section where he spends much of his time and effort on matters engaging the energy and clean tech space. Evan's practice focuses on general corporate and securities law matters, with an emphasis on formation and early-stage venture-capital financings, as well as mergers and acquisitions and public offerings as companies mature and seek exit strategies. Evan has been involved in the formation and financing of numerous energy and clean tech companies in markets

such as clean coal, solar, biofuels and fuel cells.

In his practice, Evan has represented public and private companies, underwriters, venture funds and other parties in a broad range of transactions, including initial and follow-on public offerings, PIPEs, mergers, equity and debt financings and stock and asset sales. In addition, Evan devotes a significant portion of his practice to counseling public companies with respect to SEC disclosure, compliance and corporate governance matters, including Sarbanes-Oxley and recent SEC regulations, as well as federal and state securities laws.

Legal News

Mary-Laura Greely Recognized as Top Woman Lawyer in Boston by *Women's Business Boston*

Press Release, Mintz Levin - January 8, 2008

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MIT Enterprise Forum Podcast on Energy Innovation

Energy & Clean Tech Alert, Mintz Levin - January 4, 2008

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Practice Group Established for Subprime Market Crisis

Press Release, Mintz Levin - December 3, 2007

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Grants

The Renewable Fuels Foundation Offering Its First Grants for Ethanol Production

The Renewable Fuels Foundation (RFF) Board of Directors funds those research projects that have clear goals and measurable outcomes with benchmarks that will advance the science of ethanol production. While sound research should be the basis for all grant applications, the RFF will only support projects that directly enhance domestic production of ethanol and the efficient use of co-products. One grant will be awarded for \$150,000, of which \$75,000 will be made available over two years. Viable projects may qualify for continued funding past this time frame.

Research project proposals must have a national implication, not local. The RFF prefers to fund national model projects, thereby making a bigger impact to the U.S. ethanol market.

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SEED 2007

Call for Renewable Energy Company Applicants

The Massachusetts Technology Collaborative

The Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, a quasi-state agency, established the Sustainable Energy Economic Development (SEED) initiative to support growth and commercialization of renewable energy technologies in Massachusetts. SEED provides direct and flexible capital to early-stage companies for new renewable energy related product development and facilitates companies in gaining access to private capital. The award amount will be up to \$500,000 per company per 12-month period, up to two awards per Massachusetts company, and SEED is

accepting applications on an open enrollment basis.

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Business Expansion Initiative

Business Expansion Initiative (BEI) supports the development and expansion of the production capacity of renewable energy technology firms in Massachusetts. BEI provides secured debt capital to expansion-stage companies for new renewable energy product design and manufacturing financing. BEI loans may only be made to companies located within Massachusetts.

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Predevelopment Financing Initiative

The Massachusetts Technology Collaborative

The Massachusetts Technology Collaborative Board of Directors has approved this round of the Clean Energy Predevelopment Financing Initiative in an effort to support the development of grid-connected renewable energy generating facilities in New England. As of October 1, 2005, \$1,574,934 has been committed to projects supported by this solicitation. Two types of funding are available under this solicitation: funding for feasibility studies and funding for pre-development activities (e.g., facility design, environmental studies, permitting, and similar activities). Funding for feasibility studies is available only to public instrumentalities and private nonprofit organizations, and takes the form of grants of up to \$50,000 to public instrumentalities, and unsecured loans of up to \$50,000 to nonprofit organizations. Funding for predevelopment activities is available to public instrumentalities, private nonprofit organizations and private for-profit corporations or partnerships, and takes the form of an unsecured loan of up to \$250,000 for wind and biomass projects, or up to \$150,000 for other types of renewable energy projects.

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Events

Mentors Sought for Ignite Clean Energy

Wanted: Finance, Legal, Operations, Technical, & Management Expertise

MIT Enterprise Forum of Cambridge
Energy Special Interest Group

Business Presentation Competition

Northeastern U.S. 2008
\$200,000 Grand Prize

If you have had success as an entrepreneur or as part of a start-up management team, here is a chance to share what you learned with the next generation of entrepreneurs.

[Apply to be a mentor to a team in the competition.](#)

World Future Energy Summit

January 21–23, 2008
Shenzen, China

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Wind Interconnection Workshop

January 23–25, 2008
Western's Electric Power Training Center
Golden, Colorado
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Concentrated Solar Power Summit U.S.

January 28–29, 2008
San Francisco, CA
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Boston Going Green Expo

Taking Green to the Mainstream

February 2–3, 2008
Bayside Expo Center
Boston, MA
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Concentrated Solar Power Congress

February 5–6, 2008
N.H. Podium Hotel
Barcelona, Spain
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MIT Innovation Summit 2008

Power, Drugs & Money

February 7, 2008
Seaport World Trade Center
Boston, Massachusetts
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4th Annual Clean-Tech Investor Summit

Fostering Innovation & Investment Opportunities in Clean Technologies

February 6–7, 2008
Renaissance Esmeralda Resort & Spa
Indian Wells, Palm Springs, California
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The Climate Change Summit 2008

February 12–13, 2008
Regents Park Marriott Hotel
Long, England
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3rd International Solar Cities World Congress

February 17–21, 2008
Adelaide Convention Centre
Adelaide, South Australia
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POWER-GEN Renewable Energy & Fuels 2008

February 19–21, 2008
Rio All-Suite Hotel & Casino

Las Vegas, Nevada

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Solar '08

Putting Light to Work

February 24–28, 2008

Le Meridien Heliopolis Hotel

Cairo, Egypt

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7th Carbon Investment Forum

February 25–26, 2008

The Jumeirah Carlton Tower

London, England

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Cleantech Forum XVI

February 25–27, 2008

San Francisco, California

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Carbon Forum America

Carbon Market Trade Fair & Market

February 26–27, 2008

Moscone Convention Center

San Francisco, California

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National Power New Zealand

February 25–29, 2008

SKYCITY Convention Centre

Auckland, New Zealand

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Genera 2008

Energy and Environment International Trade Fair

February 26–28, 2008

Feria de Madrid, Spain

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Washington International Renewable Energy Conference 2008

March 4–6, 2008

Washington, D.C. Convention Center

Washington, D.C.

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14th Biennial CSP SolarPACES Symposium

March 4–8, 2008

South Point Hotel

Las Vegas, Nevada

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Asia Solar Energy PV Exhibition and Forum

March 5–7, 2008

ShanghiaMart
Shanghai, China
[More info...](#)

CleanBusiness 2008

March 11–13, 2008
Dubai, United Arab Emirates
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Building Energy '08

The Conference and Trade Show for Renewable Energy and Green Building Professionals

March 11–13, 2008
Seaport World Trade Center
Boston, Massachusetts
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European Wind Energy Conference & Exhibition 2008

March 31–April 3, 2008
Brussels Expo, Belgium
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The Wall Street Green Trading Summit

April 2–3, 2008
The New York Times Building
New York, NY
[More info...](#)

The 2nd Annual Energy Efficiency Finance Forum

Financing a New Energy of Clean Energy

April 10–11, 2008
The Westin Arlington Gateway
Washington, D.C.
[More info...](#)

MIT Energy Conference

Solutions That Scale to Meet the Energy Challenge: Entrepreneurship, Technology & Policy

April 11–12, 2008
Marriot Hotel
Cambridge, Massachusetts
[More info...](#)

Energy Efficiency World 2008

April 15–16, 2008
Sandton Convention Centre
Johannesburg, South Africa
[More info...](#)

2nd Organic Photovoltaics Conference & Exhibit

April 21–23, 2008
Doubletree Hotel
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
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The 2nd China International Wind Energy Exhibition and Symposium (2008)

April 25–27, 2008
Shanghai New International Expo Center
Shanghai, China
[More info...](#)

Cleantech Forum XVII

April 28–30, 2008
Brussels, Belgium
[More info...](#)

Solar 2008

The National Solar Energy Conference

May 3–8, 2008
Town and Country Resort & Convention Center
San Diego, CA
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3rd Annual Renewable Energy Finance & Investment Summit

May 19–21, 2008
FireSky Resort & Spa
Scottsdale, Arizona
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All-Energy 2008

UK's Largest Renewable Energy Exhibition & Conference

May 21–22, 2008
Aberdeen, Scotland
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Windpower 2008

Conference & Exhibition

June 1–4, 2008
Hilton Americas Hotel
George R. Brown Convention Center
Houston, Texas

CSI Cleantech 2008

The Cleantech Conference, Partnering, Ventures and Trade Show

June 1–5, 2008
Hynes Convention Center
Boston, Massachusetts
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3rd Annual Photovoltaics Summit

June 18–20, 2008
Hilton San Diego Resort
San Diego, California
[More info...](#)

Global CO2 Summit & Exhibition

A Two-Day International Summit Tailored for the Energy Sector

June 12–13, 2008
London, England
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Green Technology Entrepreneurship Academy

July 7–11, 2008
Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences at Sierra Nevada College
Lake Tahoe, Incline Village, Nevada
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Intersolar North America 2008

July 15–17, 2008
Moscone Center
San Francisco, California
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Cleantech Forum XVIII

September 15–17, 2008
Washington, D.C.
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